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EO 12958: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, SA
SUBJECT: SAUDI COMMITTEE TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR AFGHAN
MUSLIMS

ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL SAUDI PRESS AGENCY RELEASE WHICH
WAS CARRIED BY SAUDI RADIO AND LOCAL NEWSPAPERS JAN 23-24,
KING KHALID HAS ORDERED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE
TO COLLECT DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE MUSLIM MUJAHIDIN
(STRUGGLERS) IN AFGHANISTAN AND TO AID PERSONS DISPLACED
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BY THE INSURGENCY. COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY PRINCE

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SALMAN BIN ABD AL-AZIZ, THE GOVERNOR OF RIYADH PROVINCE. SUBCOMMITTEES WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO COLLECT DONATIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE KINGDOM. FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE TO AID THE AFGHANI MUJAHIDIN FOLLOWS THE JAN 20 ANNOUNCEMENT BY KEY SAUDI RELIGIOUS FIGURE SHAYKH ABD AL-AZIZ BIN BAZ THAT THE ULAMA (RELIGIOUS LEADERS) HAD ISSUED A FATWA (RELIGIOUS RULING) AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE ZAKAT (THE 2.5 PERCENT ALMS TAX ON MOSLEM'S WEALTH) TO THE AFGHANI FREEDOM FIGHTERS (SEE JIDDA 444). WEST

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